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FOR THIS
TRADEMARK**



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GUARANTEE
OF THE BEST**

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FOR VICTORY


 BUY
UNITED
STATES
WAR
BONDS
AND
STAMPS

CHAPTER 1

A MOUNTAIN OF GOLD, HEAPED HIGH WITH LONG-DEAD MEN, WHO SPENT YEARS OF HEART-BREAKING TOIL TO DIG IT FROM THE DEPTHS OF MOTHER EARTH... A GLEAMING TREASURE FOR UNCLE SAM... A DANGEROUS TREASURE, THAT EVIL MEN DEEM WORTH DYING FOR, KILLING FOR... SUCH IS THE GLITTERING GOAL THAT DAZZLES THE SEVEN SOLDIERS OF VICTORY AS THEY SET OUT ONCE MORE ON A GLAMOROUS QUEST, A QUEST THAT THIS TIME CARRIES THEM INTO THE MIDST OF NEW AND UNSUSPECTED DANGERS, OF UN-DREAMED OF ADVENTURES, AS THEY SEEK THE ANSWER TO THE RIDDLE OR...

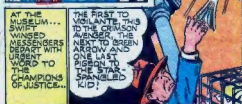
**"The
Treasure
That Time
Forgot!"**



ON A CROWDED SUBWAY TRAIN, JUSTIN, KNOWN ONLY TO PROFESSOR MORSEBY AS THE SHINING KNIGHT, RETAINS HIS KNIGHTLY CHIVALRY...

AND A MOMENT LATER IS READ-
ING SOMEONE ELSE'S NEWSPAPER...

UNEXPECTEDLY... JUSTIN
FINDS HIS ATTENTION
CAPTURED BY HUGE
HEADLINES...



BUT THE WIZARDS OF THE BOW AND ARROW HAVE RECEIVED NO MESSAGE! FOR AS THE HONING BIRD SPED ON ITS WAY TOWARD THEM...



... A FIERCE HAWK HAS PICKED UP ITS TRAIL!

A DEADLY SWOOP TOWARD ITS PREY...



... AND A BADLY WOUNDED BIRD HAS BARELY FOUND SAFETY UNDER A TANGLED CANOPY OF TREES, WHERE ITS PURSUER CANNOT FOLLOW!



MEANWHILE... THE WIZARD ARCHERS, IN THEIR EVERYDAY GUISE AS OLIVER QUEEN AND ROY HARDER, RELAX...

IT'S AN INTERESTING BOOK, BUT THIS FELLOW DOES THINGS WITH A BOW AND ARROW THAT CAN'T BE DONE! IT ISN'T REALISTIC!



BRAVO, OLIVER! A BULL'S-EYE! YOU'RE ALMOST AS GOOD AS THE GREEN ARROW!



I WONDER WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE WORLD! I HAVEN'T LOOKED AT A PAPER FOR DAYS!



THE REMAINING CHAMPIONS OF JUSTICE ARE IMPATIENT AT THE DELAY...

WE CAN'T WAIT FOR GREEN ARROW AND SPEEDY FOREVER!

LET'S WRITE TO BOX 241 AND SEE WHAT DIRECTIONS WE GET! THEN WE'LL LEAVE WORD WHERE WE WENT... JUST IN CASE THEY ARRIVE LATE!



NEXT DAY... A REPLY ARRIVES...

WHOEVER WROTE THAT AD MUST BE IN A HURRY, TO SEND A REPLY BY MESSENGER!

HE IS! HE GIVES US DIRECTIONS TO FOLLOW CORTLAND AVENUE TO ITS END, AND THEN BE GUIDED BY THE ARROWS!



SOON AFTER THE HEROES SET OUT...



THE ARROW POINTS UNDER THE TREES! I CANNOT FOLLOW UNLESS I LEAVE WINGED VICTORY!

AND I MUST LEAVE THE ROCKET-RACER!

WE CAN WALK! WE GOT GOOD DOGS!

A GLOOMY FOREST...



WHAT'S THIS? THE GREEN ARROW AND SPEEDY!

HEY, LOOKS LIKE THEY DOUBLE-CROSSED US AND CAME HERE ALONE!

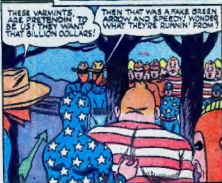


LEAVE OUT THIS PLACE! I'M SCARED!

WE WANT THAT BILLION DOLLARS, BUT WE DIDN'T BARGAIN ON ANYTHING LIKE THIS!

THE GREEN ARROW AND SPEEDY AFRAID IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

A FEW MOMENTS LATER...



THESE VARMINTS ARE PRETENDING TO BE US! THEY WANT THAT BILLION DOLLARS!

THEN THAT WAS A FAKE GREEN ARROW AND SPEEDY! WONDER WHAT THEY'RE RUNNING FROM!



THAT FOUL VARLET DISGRACES THE PAIR ARMOR HE WEARS! IT WOULD SERVE HIM RIGHT IF THE BEAST CAUGHT HIM!

A SKUNK LIKE THAT MIGHT PIZEN THE POOR ANIMAL! I'LL TAKE CARE OF THEM!

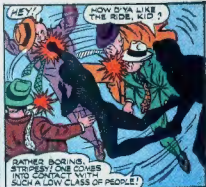


SORT OF DISAPPOINTED IN YOU, FELLOW! ONCE YOU'RE CAUGHT, YUH DON'T SHOW MUCH FIGHT!

THIS IS A FUNNY WAY TO START LOOKING FOR A BILLION DOLLARS!

MAYBE WE LED INTO TRAP!

THEN...RACING TO MEET THE CHAMPIONS OF JUSTICE COMES AN UGLY-LOOKING GANG!



A GLASS CAPSULE FLINGS WITH UNERRING AIM BY THE CRIMSON-CLAD CRIME CRUSHER, SHATTERS TO RELEASE A CRIMSON CLOUD...



LOOKING FOR ME, GENTLEMEN? TAKE FAST LOOK BEFORE EYES TURN BLACK!



ANOTHER DIFFICULTY OVERCOME! BUT A FEW MOMENTS LATER, A RAGING TORRENT BARS THE WAY!



MEANWHILE, THE WOUNDED BIRD HAS AT LAST REACHED ITS HAVEN...



PICKING UP A NOTE LEFT AT THE MEETING PLACE, THE DAUNTLESS BOWMEN HASTEN ON...



AND SOON...



SWIFT ARROWLINES STREAK TOWARD THE EXHAUSTED SOLDIERS OF VICTORY...



AND IN A FEW MOMENTS...



TOO BAD WE CAN'T DO THAT ALL THE TIME!



THE REASON FOR THE DELAY OF THE MASTER BOWMEN IS QUICKLY EXPLAINED... AND THEN...

THIS ARROWLINE WILL BRIDGE THE STREAM!

IT'LL BE BETTER THAN TRYING TO SWIM!

ANCHORING THE ARROWLINE ABOUT A TREE STUMP, THE SEVEN SOLDIERS CROSS THE RUSHING RIVER HAND OVER HAND...

WE'LL ALL BE ACROSS IN A FEW MINUTES!

AND TOGETHER AGAIN, WE'LL BE READY FOR ANY DANGER!

BUT AS THE SEVEN SOLDIERS ADVANCE...

MY NAME IS SCRIVENER... MY EMPLOYER, MR. MILTON, IS EXPECTING YOU! PLEASE FOLLOW ME!

MR. MILTON... HIM, I'VE HEARD OF HIM! HE'S A RETIRED PROFESSOR OF ARCH-EOLOGY! WONDER WHY HE WANTS US!

IN AN OLD-FASHIONED MAN-SION, THEIR HOST RESES IN GREETING...

YOU CAME QUICKLY! BUT I SHOULD EXPLAIN THAT THE DANGERS YOU ENCOUNTERED WERE NOT MEANT TO DELAY YOU...

... BUT ONLY TO FRIGHTEN AWAY GREEDY IMPOSTORS! THE LION WAS TAME...



WE ALMOST DROWNED IN THE RIVER, MR. MILTON!

I'M SORRY! I DIDN'T EXPECT THE GREEN ARROW TO BE DELAYED! BUT LET ME TELL YOU WHY I SEEK YOUR HELP!



MEN WHO SEEMED TO BE THUS WERE INSTRUCTED TO DO NO REAL HARM... AND WHAT YOU THOUGHT WERE IRON JAVES WERE ONLY CARDBOARD TO RESEMBLE IRON!



Buried amid the lofty ranges of the Andes lies a billion dollars in gold! The story of this vast treasure begins with the conquest of the Incas of Peru by Pizarro, more than four centuries ago.....

GOLD WAS PLENTIFUL AMONG THE INCAS! GREEDY FOR THE PRECIOUS METAL, PIZARRO IMPRISONED THEIR RULER, ATAHUALPA...

GET BACK IN THERE, ATAHUALPA, OR WE'LL KILL YOU!

TELL PIZARRO THAT I AM WILLING TO GIVE HIM ALL THE GOLD HE WANTS!



SOON THE CHIEF OF THE PLUNDERING INVADERS CAME TO SEE HIS PRISONER...

I WILL FILL THIS ROOM WITH GOLD AS HIGH AS THIS ... IN RETURN FOR MY FREEDOM!

IT'S A DEAL, ATAHUALPA!



AT THE ORDER OF THEIR IMPRISONED RULER, THE INCAS SHIPPED THE PRECIOUS METAL TO HIM, BY LONG SLOW-MOVING HUMAN CARAVANS...

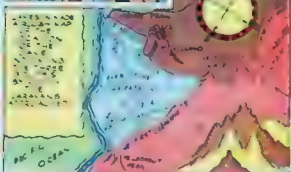


THE GLITTER OF GOLD BEGAN TO FILL ATAHUALPA'S PRISON! BUT THE CARAVANS MOVED TOO SLOWLY TO SUIT PIZARRO...

THEY'RE STALLIN'! THEY'RE GETTIN' TOGETHER A RESCUE SQUAD!

THEN THEY'LL KILL US, AND RECOVER ALL THE GOLD! CLEVER... BUT IT WON'T WORK!





BUT JAMESON DIED BEFORE HE COULD REACH THE TREASURE! YEARS PASSED, THE MAP FELL INTO OTHER HANDS, BUT ALL THOSE WHO TRIED TO USE IT FAILED.



THEN AN EXPLORER CALLED BURTON WHO KNEW THE ANSWERS, VELL SOLVED THE PROBLEM...

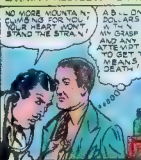


THOSE TREASURE-SEEKERS WERE FOOLS! THEY FORGOT THAT THINGS HAVE CHANGED SINCE THE DAYS OF THE NCAS!

BESIDES THE MAP WAS DRAWN ROUGHLY... AND THE NUMEROUS AND ANTRALS CONFUSED THEM!



BURTON FELT HE HAD SOLVED THE MYSTERIES OF THE THREE CARAVAN ROUTES... THEN...



NO MORE MOUNTAINS CLIMBING FOR YOU! YOUR HEART WON'T STAND THE STRAIN!

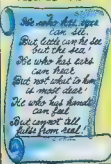
A BILLION DOLLARS WITH MY GRASP AND ANY ATTEMPT TO GET IT MEANS DEATH!

BURTON DIED SOON AFTERWARD, BUT HE LEFT BEHIND HIM SEVERAL PUZZLING RHYMES...



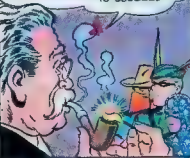
A BILLION DOLLARS TO WHOEVER GUESSES THE MEANING OF ONE OF THE THREE COUPLETS. AHHHHH

BURTON'S CRYPTIC MESSAGE WAS...



*He who has eyes
can see,
But little can he see
but the sea!
He who has ears
can hear,
But not what to him
is most dear!
He who has hands
can feel,
But cannot tell
fiddle from real!*

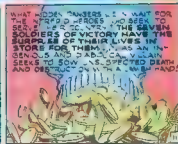
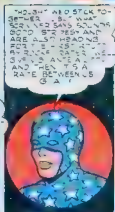
TO THIS DAY, NO ONE HAS GUESSED BURTON'S MEANING! I MYSELF HAVE TRIED... AND FAILED! I COUNT ON YOU GUYS EVEN TO SUCCEED!



WHAT UNCLE SAM COULDN'T DO WITH A BILLION DOLLARS... **BATTLESHIPS, TANKS, PLANES... EVERYTHING TO SMASH THE AXIS!**



WE'VE JUST GOT TO TACKLE THIS THING!



Starring **THE STAR-SPANGLED KID**
and **STRIPEY** -
and the **GREEN ARROW** and **SPEDDY**



IT'S A FRIENDLY
RACE AT THE START...
A RACE FOR A GLOWING
PRIZE THAT NONE OF THE SEVEN
SOLDIERS OF VICTORY DESIRES
FOR HIMSELF, THAT EACH WISHES FOR
HIMSELF, THAT EACH WISHES TO PRE-
SENT TO THE MOST WORTHY CAUSE IN
THE WORLD: THEN HATRED DIGS A
DEEP GULF BETWEEN THE WIZARD
BOWMEN AND THE AMERICAN
AVENGERS... AND EACH DARING
DUG ALMOST PERISHES IN ITS DEPTHS,
AS THEY FIND THEMSELVES COM-
MITTING...

**"Crimes
by proxy!"**

HIGH ABOVE THE TOWERING PEAKS OF THE ANDES LOOMS A STRANGE, ROCKET PROPELLED CRAFT...

SO YOU THINK YOU KNOW THE MEANING OF THE THREE PAIRS OF LINES VOLANTE?



YES PARDNER. CANT SAY FOR SURE YET... BUT SET ME DOWN AT THE HEAD OF THAT SECOND CARAVAN TRAIL...

IS BOT AN IDEA ABOUT THE FIRST COUPLE OF NES... SEE YOU AFTER WE REACH THAT GOLD, VS LANTE?



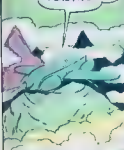
WE FLEW FAST, SR DESY... THE ARROW PLANE CAN TRAVEL, AND WE WASTED A LOT OF THE PICKING UP OUR APPARATUS...



THAT'S WHAT HAS ME PUZZLED NO? WHAT DO YOU WANT TO USE THAT CAMERA FOR?

STILL LATER... THE RACER SETTLES ON LOOKOUT PEAK...

THANK WE BEAT THE GREEN ARROW HERE, KID?

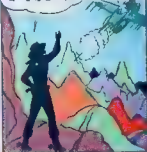


CAUSE THEY ARE WAY OFF THERE AND ALL YOU CAN SEE ARE THE PEAKS OF THEM!



LATER THE ALL-AMERICAN ADVENTURERS WAVE FAREWELL... AND SPEED ON TO A RENDEZVOUS WITH STRANGE ADVENTURE...

SO LONG BOYS... TOO BAD WE GOT A HEAD START... YOU... NEED VOLANTE!



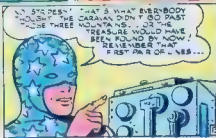
THE ROCKET RAZER DISGORGES MYSTEROUS EQUIPMENT...

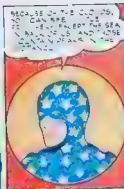
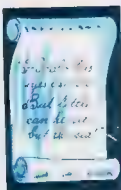
I'M GOING TO TAKE A PICTURE OF THE THREE MOUNTAINS SHOWN ON THE MAP, SR DESY!

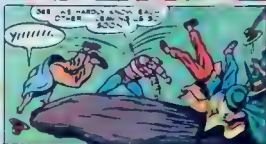
YOU AINT GONNA GET MUCH OF A PICTURE, KID!



SR DESY! THAT'S WHAT EVERYBODY THOUGHT THE CARAVAN DIDN'T GO PAST THE THREE MOUNTAINS... OR THE TREASURE WOULD HAVE BEEN FOUND BY NOW! REMEMBER THAT FIRST PAIR OF NES...







TWO STANGERS WITH ARROWS ON BACKS... THEY SAY YOU COME TO ENSLAVE US... LIKE SPANARDS DID LONG AGO.

ARROWS ON BACK SOUNDS LIKE G.A. AND SPEEDY. K.O. DO THEY WANT TO HALVE S.A. L.L.E.D.?



AS THE MASTER BOWMEN ATTEMPT TO MAKE UP FOR LOST TIME...

STICK CLOSE TO THE SIDES, SPEEDY! AND THOSE BouldERS WILL PASS OVER US.

WHAT? LOOK OUT!



THE TRAIL LEADS THE WIZARD ARCHERS INTO A DARK, GLOOMY FOREST...

IF THE K.L.E.R. ATTEMPTED TO GET US ONCE, WE'LL TRY AGAIN LATER ON GUARD, SPEEDY!

AM KEEPING MY EYES OPEN, G.A.



HAVE THE WIZARD ARCHERS TURNED AGAINST THEIR COMRADES? LET US TURN BACK TO THEM AFTER THEY HAVE DROPPED THE CRIMINAL AVENGER, AND WHO...

THAT WAS TOUGH GOING UP THE MOUNTAIN! THE K.O. HAD THE SAME IDEA WE DID SPEEDY... AND WE GOT HERE FIRST!

MAYBE WE CAN CATCH HIM! TWO TRAILS LEAD TO THOSE MOUNTAINS! LET'S TAKE THE LOWER ONE!



TOO BAD WE CAN'T SEE WHO'S PUSHING THEM DOWN AT US!

WHOEVER IT IS MUST BE ON THE UPPER TRAIL!



AFTER THE BARRAGE OF BouldERS CEASES...

WHY? IT'S MUST HAVE COME FROM THE KID'S COSTUME!

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? STRIPPY AND THE K.O. WOULD NEVER TRY TO K.L.E.S.

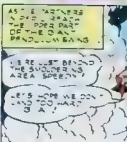
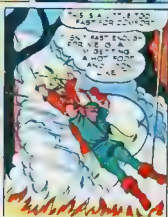
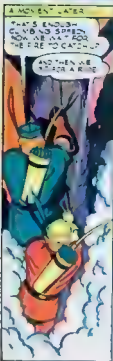
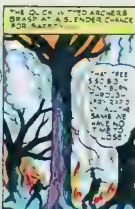
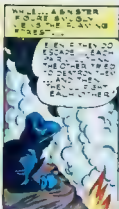


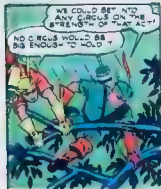
SUDDENLY... A BRIGHT SPARK BLAZES BEFORE THEM... THE GLOW SPREADS...

A FOREST FIRE! OUR PATH IS BLOCKED!

WE'LL HAVE TO TURN BACK!







WE COULD GET INTO ANY CIRCUS ON THE STRENGTH OF THAT ACT!

NO CIRCUS WOULD BE BIG ENOUGH TO HOLD IT



THE WIZARD ARCHERS DESCEND TO THE SCORCHED GROUND

NOW TO FIND OUT WHO SET THOSE ARCHES AND TRIED TO KILL US!

YOU MEAN THE STAR SPANGLED AND STRIPES?



YES AND I'M GOING TO GIVE STRIPES A BEATING HE'LL NEVER FORGET!

THE KID WILL SEE MORE STARS THAN THERE ARE IN HIS SHIRT WHEN I'M THROUGH WITH HIM!

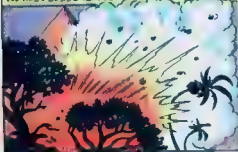


AN UNEXPECTED NOISE AND THE TWO ARCHERS GLANCE UPWARD.

IT'S THE KID AND STRIPES! LET'S GET THEM!

SA
AND SPEEDY!
AT LAST! LET'S GIVE THEM WHAT THEY DESERVE!

SET AT LOSERHEADS BY THE EVIL MIND OF A MASTER PLOTTER, THE FORMER COMPATRES RACE TO BATTLE EACH OTHER... WHEN SUDDENLY...



IS THIS THE END FOR TWO GALLANT DUOS? I HAS THE WICKED SPINNER OF A WICKED WEB FINALLY WON? WE SHALL LEARN SHORTLY...

BUT MEANWHILE LET US LEARN HOW THE OTHERS OF THE

SEVEN SOLDIERS OF VICTORY ARE FARING!

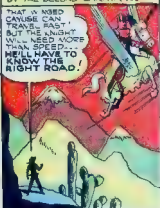
CHAPTER 3

SHINING KNIGHT
and
VIGILANTE

"A DUEL
TO THE
DEATH!"

ON THE ROUTE ONCE TRAVELED
BY THE SECOND CARAVAN...

THAT A GOOD
CANYON CAN
TRAVEL FAST!
BUT THE KNIGHT
WILL NEED MORE
THAN SPEED...
HE'LL HAVE TO
KNOW THE
RIGHT ROAD!



AND SOO... WHERE THE OLD
INDIAN TRAIL BRANCHES OFF.

HELLO, KNIGHT... I'M PUZZLED!
HE HASN'T GUESSED THE
SECRET OF THOSE... NES

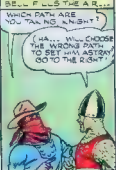
WELCOME, VIS LANTE!
HE KNOWS NOT THE
CORRECT PATH!
BUT I DO!!



AS THE TOLLING OF A
DISTANT MONASTERY
BELL... FALLS THE AIR...

WHICH PATH ARE
YOU TAKING, KNIGHT?

(HA... I'LL CHOOSE
THE WRONG PATH
TO SET HIM ASTRAY!
GO TO THE RIGHT!



SOON...

UGH! I'VE HURT
MY LEG! BETTER
NOT WAIT FOR ME,
KNIGHT!

TRULY THAT
IS BAD! I BORROW
WITH THEE, BUT
TAKE THY SUGGESTION
FAREWELL, FRIEND!



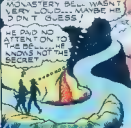
GUESS I'LL COME ALONG!
I CAN ALWAYS CUT OVER TO
THE CORRECT PATH LATER!
DON'T WANT TO GIVE AWAY
THE REAL TRAIL!



THIS... BOTH THE KNIGHT AND
VIS LANTE TRAVEL IN THE
WRONG DIRECTION!

LUCKY FOR ME THAT
MONASTERY BELL WASN'T
VERY LOUD... MAYBE HE
DIDN'T GUESS!

HE PAID NO
ATTENTION TO
THE BELL... HE
KNOWS NOT THE
SECRET!

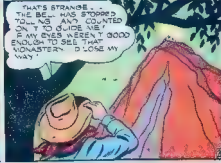


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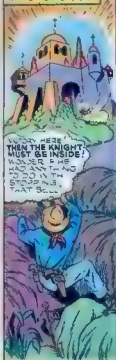
THAT WAS A GOOD ACT
I PUT ON! NOW TO
CUT ACROSS TO THE
OTHER TRAIL!
THE KNIGHT'S A
FINE HONORER...
BUT HE DIDN'T
GUESS THE
MEANING OF
THAT RHYME!



THAT'S STRANGE...
THE BELL HAS STOPPED
TOLLING AND COUNTED
ON IT TO GUIDE ME!
IF MY EYES WEREN'T GOOD
ENOUGH TO SEE THAT
MONASTERY... I'D LOSE MY
WAY!



AT THE MONASTERY.



VICTORY HERE!
THEN THE KNIGHT
MUST BE INSIDE!
WOULD HE
HAD ANYTHING
TO DO WITH
STOPPING
THAT SCUM?

NEAR THE ANCIENT BUILDING
THE FRIENDS MEET AGAIN...

AK! I AM GLAD YOU ARE COME!
SOMEONE HAS STOLEN THE
CLAPPER OF THE BELL! I CAN
TOLL NO MORE!

SO HE DOES
KNOW! TIME WE
STRAIGHTENED
THIS OUT



IT WAS STOLEN TO THROW US
OFF THE TRACK! BUT I CAN'T
HAVE BEEN TAKEN FOR!

STRANGE! IT'S FORTUNATE
WE ARE ON THE RIGHT
TRAIL



DON'T BAMBOOZLE
ME, KNIGHT! UNTIL
WE HEAR HOW LOUD
THAT BELL IS, WE
CAN'T BE SURE
WE'RE ON THE
RIGHT TRAIL!



SUDDENLY...

HHHHHHHHRRRRRMMM!

WHAT'S THAT?
A HORSE?

IT'S VICTORY!
HE HAS DISCOVERED
SOMETHING!



THE CONRAGES RACE OUT-
SIDE TO FIND...

THE GROUND'S FRESHLY TURNED
SOMETHING HAS BEEN BURIED
HERE... AND YOUR HOSS IS WISE!

LET ME AT VICTORY!
PERHAPS IT'S THAT
WHICH WAS STOLEN!



AND THE FIRST SEEDS OF DISTRUST ARE
PLANTED IN THE VIGILANTE'S MIND...

IT IS! SOUNDS PHONY TO ME... VICTORY
KNOW WHERE IT WAS...
AND THE KNIGHT HAD NO TROUBLE
JESSING WHAT IT WAS



MEANWHILE AN UNSPECTED
OBSERVER WATCHES...

...AND AT THAT SE-
COND, THE OTTS
SLIDED AND WAS
PORTANTLY AND WAS
USED TO HAVE
THEN SUSPICION
OF EACH OTHER.



WITH THE CLATTER RESTORED THE
THUNDEROUS SOUND OF THE GREAT
RELIQUARY OF THE MONASTERY...



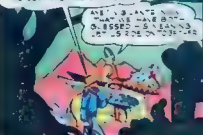
KNIGHT WHAT...
NO USE TALKING
(CANT HEAR IN
OWN ROCK)

THIS MUST
NEED BE
THE PLACE
MEANING
THE ROCK



AS THEY LEAVE THE MONAS-
TERY BEHIND...

BUT A BEAST THAT NOTHING
WAS DEARER TO A MAN THAN
THE SOUND OF HIS OWN VOICE!



AND I WANT YOU
THAT WE HAVE GOT
GUESSED - I MEAN
LET US ROSE ON YOUR...

CHANGED OF
THIS SITUATION
IS A CHANGE
OF THE
COVERS - IS
COVERS AND SEVERAL
LATER...

THEY WOULD
BE A GOOD
AND THERE
DURING THE
OF SON OF
ONE PERHAPS
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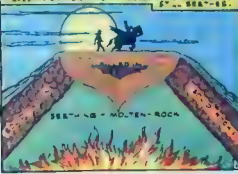


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SEEKING - MOLTEN-ROCK

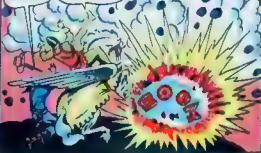
AS THE KNIGHT AND VIG LANTE
PAUSE TO GLANCE ABOUT...

A LITTLE DYNAMITE WILL BREAK
UP THE ROCK, FILLING THE
CRATER... AND LET THE LAVA
FLOW OUT!



AN ELECTRIC SPARK SETS OFF THE HIDDEN EXPLOSIVE...

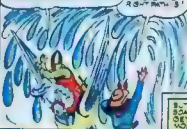
WHAT?? HOLD STORY!



AND A TIDE OF BOILING LAVA BUREYS OUT
WITH A FURY PENT UP FOR LONG CENTURIES...

WE BOUGHT A VOLCANO
... AND HERE IS THE
ANSWER TO OUR SEARCH!

AT LEAST NOW
WE KNOW
WHERE THE
RIGHT PATH IS!



AS A FRIGHTENED WIND STIRRED LEAPS UP
TO ESCAPE THE FLAMING FLOOD...

NAH, FEAR NOT
VICTORY...

HEY WAIT...!



BUT AS VICTORY
BOARS ABOVE THE
CLOUDS OF
VOLCANIC ROCK...

AND AS SUSPICION GROWS...

THEY WERE LUCKY TO ESCAPE
THAT VOLCANO! BUT THEY'RE
BORE ABOUT SOMETHING...
AND THAT GIVES US ANOTHER
CHANCE TO SET THEM AGAINST
EACH OTHER!

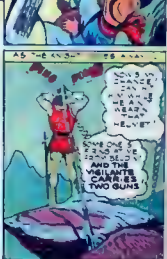
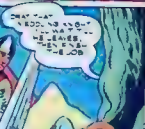
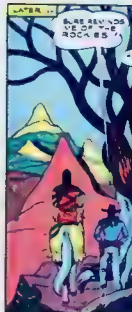
THAT WAS CLOSE!

VICTORY WAS FRIGHTENED
BEYOND REASON,
VIG LANTE!



WHEN THE KNIGHT
TRIED TO LEAVE HE BE-
HIND THAT LAVA!
VIG HAD TO THINK
AN ACCIDENT... IT
WEREN'T FOR WHAT
HAPPENED BEFORE





MEANWHILE... ON A LEDGE BELOW,
A DAZED WARRIOR OF THE WEST
SLOWLY COMES TO HIS SENSES...

SOME VARY NT
PUSHED ME OVER
THE CLIFF... THE
KNIGHT COULD
HAVE GOTTEN
BACK OF ME...

HA! HE RETURNS
TO SEE HOW WELL
HE AIMED!

THERE
HE IS! HE
WANTED TO
SEE IF HE
KILLED ME

THE VIGILANTE REACHES THE TOP...
AND THE TWO FORMER FRIENDS
CLOSE IN COMBAT!

LL SEE HOW
THE SHINING
KNIGHT LIKES
A COUPLE OF
SHINERS!

MY FISTS WILL
TEACH VIGILANTE
TO BE
VIGILANT!

THAT SPEAKS
BLACKOUT FOR
THIS KNIGHT!

... UGH... THOU
THINKEST THYSELF
CLEVER, VARSITY

A BLOW FROM THE SHINING
KNIGHT WILL OUST THY NONE
TOO SHINING WAYS!

HUH?

A KNIGHT IN ARMOR
IS NOT EASILY THROWN,
KNAVE!

OUFF! THAT HEAVY
ARMOR WAS KNOCKED
THE BREATH OUT
OF ME!

IT'S EASY
SO EASY
THAT
THEY ARE
A MERE
BLUR IN
THE AIR!
AND THEN...

TOO BAD THEY NEVER
TAUGHT BULL-DOGGING
AT KING ARTHUR'S
COURT, OR YOU MIGHT
HAVE SDE-STEPPED
HIS!

WHAT...

AS VOLANTE STAGGERS TO HIS FEET, HE TRIPS OVER A ROCK...

I'LL... WHAT? TWICE IN ONE DAY...

BE CAREFUL, VOLANTE!

THE ACCIDENT CLEARS THE ROB OF HATRED FROM THE SMILING KNIGHT'S SMATTERED MIND!

HASTE VICTORY... WE CANNOT LET OUR COMRADES DIE!

NO BARBER COULD GIVE THIS A CLOSER SHAVE!

I MUST HAVE BEEN SOME OTHER CRYTER WHO PUSHED ME OVER THE CLIFF!

AND THAT SAME SCOUNDREL TRIED TO KILL ME ALSO!

WE SHALL FIND THE COWARD VILLAIN AND PUNISH HIM AS HE DESERVES!

...SHAKE ON THAT BARDNER!

A DISAPPOINTED HENCHMAN OF A SATANIC MASTER-CRIMINAL LOOKS ON...

THEY'RE FRIENDS AGAIN AND NOW I WON'T BE ABLE TO STOP THEM!

BUT SLOWLY OUT OF THE DISTANCE A TINY BLACK SPECK GROWS IN THE AIR... A DARK SPECK THAT SPELLS DARKER DANGER...

IT'S THE BOSS HIMSELF, COMING BY PLANE! HE'LL TAKE CARE OF THEM!

CHAPTER 4

THE R
MAUNDER—
STANDING CLEARED,
VIG LANTE AND
THE SH N NO KNIGHT
RESUME THE R WAY...
TO PLUNGE AT ONCE
INTO NEW PER L THAT
THE R UNKNOWN ENEMY
HAS PREPARED! VILE
TREACHERY ALMOST TRAPS
THEM N TS TWISTED MESH-
ES... AND THEN THE SCHEM-
ING TRICKSTER'S LAST CUN-
NING THRUST SENDS THEM
FLYING TO WHAT SEEMS CER-
TAIN DOOM AS, HIGH ALOFT,
THEY CLASH IN FIERCE AERIAL
COMBAT WITH THE...

*"Winged Monsters
of the
Mountains!"*



A PLANE SETTLES ON A NARROW LANDING FIELD... AND THE ARCH CONNIVER ENVEGES...

WELL, COPPER-HEAD
HAVE VIS LANTE AND
THE KNIGHT KILLED
EACH OTHER YET?

NO, BOSS... TRED
BUT THEY'RE
PAUS AGAIN.

YOU FOOL! THAT
VOLCANO SHOULD
HAVE DISPOSED
OF THEM!

I THOUGHT I HAD
THEM, BOSS... BUT
THEY GOT AWAY!

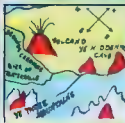
THOSE SEVEN SOLDERS
OF VICTORY ARE
CLEVER... I FIGURED
OUT THE RHYME
ABOUT THAT BE...
BUT THEY SEEM TO
HAVE WORKED OUT
ALL THE RHYMES.
THEY MUST BE
PUT OUT OF THE
WAY!

BUT BOSS
IF YOU KNEW
ABOUT THE
BE... WHY
DIDN'T YOU
GET THE
TREASURE?

BECAUSE I DON'T KNOW
HOW TO REACH THE HIDDEN
CAVE UNTIL THE SEVEN
SOLDERS WERE CALLED
TOGETHER. FIRST I
THOUGHT THEY'D LEAD ME
TO IT... BUT THEN THE
VIS LANTE GAVE ME
A CLUE, AND I DON'T
NEED THEM!

NOW I MUST GET RID OF
THEM OR THEY'LL STOP ME
FROM TAKING THE TREASURE.
LET ME HAVE SOME
NEW... A VIS LANTE AND
THE KNIGHT BECAUSE THEY
PASS THE RIVER OF THE
WATERFALLS!

SURE BOSS!
THAT'S A GOOD
PLACE TO DO
IT!

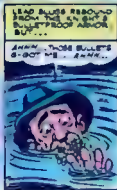
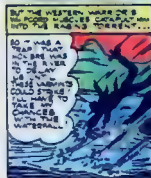
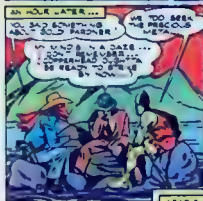
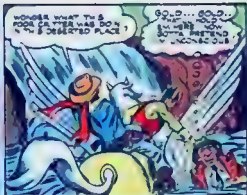


THE RIVER OF THE WATER-
FALLS IS A DANGEROUS
CROSSING... BUT WAS
THE VOLCANO ROBBERY
THAT VICTORY CAN
FLY ACROSS?
APPARENTLY NOT, FOR...

AS THE TWO CHAMPIONS OF JUSTICE
WING THEIR WAY...

AS WE'RE POOL SH TO FALL INTO
THE TRAP, AND FIGHT EACH OTHER!

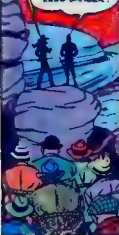
WE SURE WERE,
BROTHER... BUT...
WHAT'S THAT...
BELOW US...!



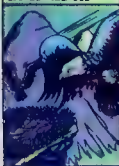
AND SOON...

WE'LL LEAVE THESE BUZZARDS HERE, AND PICK 'EM UP TO HAND OVER TO THE CONSTABLE AFTER WE GET THE GOLD!

MAYBE ONE OF THESE IS THE MASTER VILLAIN! NOW WILL THERE BE LESS DANGER!

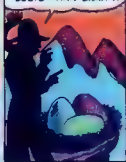


MOMENTS LATER... TWO GIANT CONDORS OF THE ANDES RETURN TO THEIR LOOTED NEST...



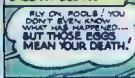
BUT AS THE FEARLESS DUO CONTINUES...

COPPERHEAD MUST HAVE FALED AGAIN. I'LL HAVE TO SEE WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM, BUT FIRST I'LL SHOW THEM THAT BRAINS WILL GET BETTER RE- SULTS THAN BRAVRY.



STRANGER MISSILES FLY THROUGH THE AIR AT THE GALLANT DUO...

FLY ON, FOOLS! YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT HAS HAPPENED... BUT THOSE EGGS MEAN YOUR DEATH!



VICTORY'S A BIG TARGET... I WON'T MISS HIM!



THEN... TWO PAIRS OF THE KEENEST EYES IN THE WORLD SEARCH THE SKIES-- AND SOON THE GREAT BIRDS SOAR IN PURSUIT OF THE WINDY STEED...



SOON REACH WE THE TRAIL'S END

UNEXPECTEDLY...



SMASHED EGGS ON VICTORY'S FLANK! THAT'S WHY THOSE CONDORS ARE ATTACKING US! THEY THINK WE DESTROYED THEM!

AS A GREAT BEAK OPENS TO TEAR
THE WARRIOR OF THE PLAINS...



HERE'S ONE
EARLY BIRD
WHO'S GOING
TO GET NOTHING
BUT A FEW
BONES IN
HIS THROAT!
NO MORE
FIGHTING FOR
HIM!

AS VILANTE RIGHS OFF THE GANT BIRD,
THE HELPLESS KNIGHT IS CARRIED HIGH
INTO THE HEAVENS...



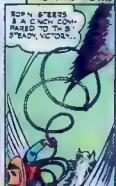
I HOPE THAT
CONDOR DOESN'T
DROP HIM!

THE AR
IS TH
HERE. I HAVE
TROUBLE
BREATHING!

SLOWLY WINGED
VICTORY BRIDES
THE GAP BETWEEN
THEM, AND THEN...



STAY ALONG,
VICTORY! YOUR
MASTER'S LIFE
IS IN DANGER!



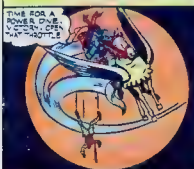
FORN STEERS
IS A CATCH COM-
PARED TO THIS
STEADY, VICTORY...



MADE IT THAT
CONDOR WILL
HAVE TROUBLE
FLYING WITH
ONE WING!

THE BIRD
HAS LET GO.
I AM
FALLING!

RAPIDLY PICKING UP SPEED
THE KNIGHT HURLES DOWNWARD...



TIME FOR A
POWER ONE.
VICTORY. OPEN
THAT THROTTLE

AND AS THE KNIGHT IS ABOUT TO SMASH
AGAINST THE ROCKY GROUND...



WHOW! THAT
WAS SOLIT-
SECOND TING!

VILANTE,
I OWE MY
LIFE TO
THEE AND MY
GALLANT
STEED!



YOU DO THE SAME FOR ME KNIGHT! I MUST RETURN TO THE VILLAGE!

IT IS NO GOOD BETTER TO ASK FOR HELP BY ROAD THAN AGAINST THE ENEMY! WE MUST FIGHT THEM AS THEY COME!



KNOW! THEY ATTACKED US BECAUSE OF THE RINGS! SOME LONGER TAKEN THEM AGAINST VICTORY!

THERE IS NO SPEAKING OF THEM! WE MUST FIGHT THEM AS THEY COME!



FOR THE HEAD BATTLE! IT IS AT DAWN... AND HE MAY STRIKE AGAIN!

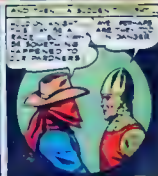
LET US TAKE CARE! IT IS TIME WE SHOULD BE READY FOR HIM!



WAR IN THE TWO EXPLORERS PRESS FORWARD BUT NO NEW DANGER THREATENS AND SOON...

THIS IS THE MOUNTAIN WHERE THE TREASURE IS HIDDEN

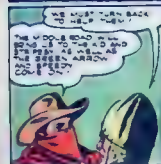
WE AND WE ARE THE ONLY WAY TO GET IT! THERE IS NO OTHER WAY!



AND THEN A Sudden...

WELL, IN ANY CASE, IT IS A RACE! BUT WE MUST BE SURE WE HAPPENED TO OUR PARTNERS

AND PERHAPS ARE THEY TOO IN DANGER



WE MUST TURN BACK TO HELP THEM!

THE VIOLET ROAD WILL BRING US TO THE AD AND BEYOND AS WELL AS THE GREEN ARROW AND SPEEDY COME ON!



AND SO WITH THE TREASURE BEEN NEAR BY THE GRASP OF THE LITTLE LION HAS TURNED BACK TO AD THE R APPEARED COMRADES

WE MUST HASTEN FASTER RETURN

WE MUST BE READY FOR HIM!

Chapter 5

THE ANGER OF THE SOLDIERS OF VICTORY
FLARED TO A FIERCE CLIMAX, AS THE
STALWART WARRIORS FND THEMSELVES
IMMERSED IN A FURIOUS MAELSTROM
OF FLAY, NG F STS AND THEN WHEN

REASON RULES ONCE MORE... WHEN TWO COOL
MINDS HAVE CALMED THE RAGING STORM AND
ONCE AGAIN THE COMRADES IN ARMS PURSUE THE R
PATHS TOGETHER, EACH FIGHTING THE DANGER THAT
THREATENS TO ENVELOP THEM ALL... BREAK DIS-
APPOINTMENT BREAKS UPON THEM AS AT LAST
THEY HOPE TO ATTAIN...

THEY CAN ONLY HOPE TO SURVIVE!



MEANWHILE, SUSPECT NO. 1
NOTHING OF THE CLEVER
CONSPIRATOR WHO HAS SET
THEY AGAINST EACH OTHER.

GREEN ARROW
SET OFF THAT
EXPLOSION!

STRIPESY AND
THE KID TRIED TO
BLOW US TO
BITS!

AS THE ECHOES OF THE GIANT BLAST DIE AWAY...

WE'LL SHOW
THE KID WE CAN
USE OUR FISTS
AS WELL AS
OUR BOWS!

GO ON BACK THE
GREEN ARROW'S
EARS... WITHOUT
USING ANY ARROWS!

TWO MIGHTY PARS MEET IN A... 54

A
BULL'S
EYE!

THAT PUNCH
WAS STRAIGHT
AS AN ARROW,
G.A.!

TALKING ABOUT EYES
REMINDS ME!

OWWWW

THEY MAKE BOWS OUT OF
YEW. STRIPESY... MIND
IF BEND YOU LIKE
ONE!

VGHHH!

A PAUSE FOR BREATH DURING
THE COMBAT.

WE'LL GIVE THEM
THE OLD K-54!

WATCH OUT SPEEDY!
HERE COMES ONE
OF THOSE TRICK
PLAYS!

AT A SIGNAL FROM THE STAR-
SPANGLED KID ...

TOO BAD, GREEN
ARROW, YOU DIDN'T
KNOW WHAT TO
WATCH OUT FOR!

HEY!

THIS'LL
THROW
YOU FOR
A LOSS!

PILE ON,
SPEEDY, I'M
TAKING THE
KID WITH ME!

THAT KID THINKS HE'S WISE, BUT
IT'S ONLY HIS NOSE THAT KNOWS
WHAT'S GOING ON!

OWH... GET
OFF MY
BACK!

I'M A FIGHTER...
NOT A BATTLE-
GROUND!

IT'S OUR
TURN FOR
5 GNALS.
SPEEDY
JAVELIN X-4!

WONDER WHAT
THAT'S SUPPOSED
TO MEAN?

YOU'RE FINDING
OUT FAST ENOUGH,
KID!

AS THE FUR OUR
COMBAT RAGES ON ...

LOOK WHAT'S GOIN'
ON, PARTNER!

TRULY, THIS
MADNESS MUST
CEASE!

DOOHNNNN

BUT AS THE NEWLY ARRIVED CHAMPIONS ATTEMPT TO ENTER HERE...

SO THEY'RE AGAINST US TOO!

LET THEM ALL STAY UP ON US... WE'RE NOT AFRAID!

THERE'S NO PLACE FOR US!

EACH ONE FIGHTS FOR HIMSELF!

HOLD YE HO! HEADS! WE COME AS FRIENDS...

THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO HANDLE THESE POLICATS...
OW!

IF I KNEW NOT THEY WERE BESIDE THEMSELVES YOU'D HAVE RETURNED FACE WHAT GOT

THIS IS COOL THAT OFF AN' GUY!

AS THE TRUTH FINALLY PENETRATES...

WE APOLOGIZE AND WE'RE ASHAMED WE EVER SUSPECTED YOU.

YOU COULDN'T HELP IT! YOU ONLY BELIEVED WHAT YOUR EYES SHOWED YOU.

NOW WANCE YOU ON THESE WAYS - LISTEN TO REASON.

THOSE TWO TRIED TO SET UP OF US!

WHAT YOU AND STAY TRIED TO KILL US!

WAS BELIEVE NOT THE APPEARANCES... THE US WANT AND ALSO WANTED OUR FRIENDSHIP STRONG AS A NIST EACH OTHER...

WE HAVE FOUND THE MOUNTAIN WHERE THE TREASURE LIES... IT'S DISCOVERED TOGETHER!

THAT DEATH OF A RACE SOUNDED GOOD... BUT I WAGE FOR TROUBLE!

RIGHT FROM NOW ON WE COOPERATE!

AND SO SIX SOLDIERS OF VICTORY FOLLOW THE TRAIL TOGETHER...

YOU WERE LUCKY, K.D. THAT VIS JANTE AND THE KNIGHT CAME ALONG! YOU COULDN'T HAVE LASTED MUCH LONGER!

IF YOU WANT TO SETTLE THAT RIGHT NOW...

DON'T LOSE YOUR TEMPER! THAT'S OVER WITH... AND HONORS WERE EVEN!

RIGHT!

BUT AS THE CHAMPIONS OF JUSTICE CLAMBER UPWARD...

A GIANT BOULDER THUNDERS DOWN...

APPEARS LIKE WE'RE GOING TO BE ROCKED TO SLEEP!

BE NOT DISMAYED, COMRADES! N ARMS...

A LANDSLIDE!

AND WE HAVEN'T TIME TO GET OUT OF THE WAY!

THEN... FROM THE SKIES THERE COMES THE HUM OF A PLANE'S MOTORS... AND SOON...

THAT PLANE'S LANDING BEHIND THE MOUNTAIN! WONDER WHO'S IN IT?

WE'LL FIND OUT SOON ENOUGH!

MERLIN'S MAGIC ENABLES THIS SWORD TO CUT THROUGH STONE LIKE BUTTER!

BETTER DUCK! THOSE PIECES ARE STILL BIG ENOUGH TO DO PLENTY OF DAMAGE!

I TROW THESE ARE SMALL ENOUGH NOW!

IT WOULD BE SWEET IF YOU COULD ONLY CUT THROUGH THAT LANDSLIDE THE SAME WAY!

BUT AS THE LOOSENED MASS OF ROCK ROLLS DOWN THE SLOPE ---

WHAT'S THE IDEA, VIG LANTE? WE'RE NOT IN THE ALPS!

THIS IS GOING TO ALP YOU PLENTY! COME ON, KNIGHT, DO YOUR STUFF WITH VICTORY!

SOON THE SOLDIERS OF VICTORY RISE INTO THE AIR... MOMENTARILY SAFE...

VICTORY HAS NOT THE STRENGTH TO SUSTAIN SO MANY FOR LONG!

I FIGURED WE'D WEAKEN KNIGHT... THE LANDSLIDE ITSELF WILL CARRY US ALONG!

WHOA, THERE...!

THIS IS NO WORSE THAN RIDIN' A BRONC, BOYS! IT'S GOOD PRACTICE FOR A RODEO!

BUT AS THE STALWART FIVE CONTINUE TO SLALOM DOWN...

MORE TROUBLE AHEAD!

AND A JOB FOR ME AND SPEEDY!

I HOPE THE ARROWLINE HOLDS!

IF IT DOESN'T, G.A., THAT'S GOING TO BE THE LAST HOPE YOU EVER HAVE!

BUT THE GREEN ARROW'S SHAFT FLIES STRAIGHT AND TRUE, AS DOES HIS COMRADE'S...

OW! THAT SUDEN STOP KNOCKED THE WIND OUT OF ME! WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

START CLIMBING, G.A.!

IN A FEW SECONDS...

WON THE ANCHOR OF
OR THE REASON FOR THE
TREASURE SEEKERS
COULDN'T FIND THE GOLD

LANDS. DEB MUST
HAVE KILLED MAN,
OR THEN

I'VE GOT SO SURE ON
THAT PARTNER. HE
GOT AN IDEA THAT
LANDS. DE WAS
HELPED ALONG
A BIT

REMEMBER THE STRANGE CRAFT
WHICH LANDED BEYOND THE
MOUNTAIN?

THAT'S RIGHT. WE'LL HAVE
TO HEAD FOR THE TOP
ASAP AND SEE WHO
"HAB"

PARTNERS. RECOGNIZE
THAT PLANE?

IT'S ONE OF THOSE
MR. MILTON OFFERED
US... AND WHICH
WE DON'T USE

BURNING WITH CURIOSITY THE
STRAWHAT MEN RACE DOWN THE
SLOPE...

MR. MILTON!

YES, GENTLEMEN
AM HERE TO
SEE YOU

IT MAY BE
THAT CROOK
WHO GOT US
TO FIGHT

IT'S B... WE'LL
LET HIM HAVE
EVERYTHING
WE'VE GOT
OUT TO EACH
OTHER!

YOU ARE NOT ALONE IN
YOUR QUEST. SOME
CRIMINAL HAS LEARNED
THE SECRET OF THE
GOLDEN TREASURE

HE'S STILL MOST OF THE
PLAYERS. AND DEBATED
FOR YOU. AND BROUGHT
"EVEN HERE". I'VE
FOLLOWED, AND CRY, GO
ALONG DIFFERENT TRAILS
TILL I FOUND YOU

RAPIDLY FIRED QUESTIONS BRING
A QUICK REPLY...

NO, I DON'T KNOW WHO
THE CRIMINALS AND
I SAW NO ONE START
A LANDSLIDE

IT MUST HAVE BEEN
A NATURAL LAND-
SLIDE, THEN



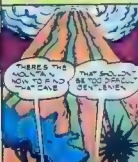
I'M NOT SO SURE
ABOUT THAT!



BUT TOGETHER WITH THE NEW
COVER, THE SOLDIERS OF
VICTORY DROVE AHEAD...

WENT UP ON THE MOUNT-
AIN SLOPE...

IN SINGLE FILE THE SEVEN
COMPANIONS ENTER A LONG-
DESERTED CAVERN...



THERE'S THE
MOUNTAIN
HOW TO FIND
THE CAVE

THAT SHOULD
BE TOO DIFFICULT
GET LOST

THIS IS THE WAR-GOD OF
THE NCAS. THE GOLD
WAS PLACED IN HIS CARE

THEN IT MUST BE
CLOSE BY



WE MUST GO SLOWLY THOSE
NCAS MAY HAVE PREPARED
SURPRISES FOR INTRUDERS!

WE'VE HAD TOO MANY
SURPRISES ALREADY!



THIS IS THE NCAS
GOLD WAS IN HIS
METAL THE TREASURE
MUST BE IN THE SECTION
OF THE CAVE BEHIND HIM

AS THE HEROES
DROVE INTO THE
TREASURE CAVERN...

IT'S EMPTY!

THE GOLD HAS
BEEN REMOVED!



WHAT COULD
HAVE HAPPENED?
CAN THE CRIM-
INAL HAVE RE-
MOVED THE
TREASURE?
OR CAN IT BE
THAT THE CRIM-
SON AVENGER
AND HIS HAVE
BEEN FIRST TO
REACH THE
GOAL? LET US
TURN BACK AND
FOLLOW THEM AS
THEY START
WHERE THE
GREEN ARROW
WAS LEFT THEM
AND PURSUE
THE ROUTE OF
THE THIRD
CARAVAN...



THROUGH A MAZE OF LUSH
TROPICAL GROW...

I THOUGHT WE
CLIMB MOUNTAINS
NOT GO
THROUGH
JUNGLE

MOUNTAIN
CLIMBING
WILL
COME
LATER AND
THIS TRAIL
LEADS TO THE
ANDES



JUNGLE PERLS THREATEN THE ADVENTUROUS PAIR
FROM EVERY SIDE...

AN NOE BIG DUSKY
SOUND BEARING NO
TO PEECES

THAT'S A DANGEROUS
TIGER... BUT WHO
CAN HANDLE HIM?



THE CRACKING SOUND
WAS BROUGHT ON AGAIN
MADE US THINK
THE SUN WAS HERE



AS THE GIGANTIC REEFER DANCING

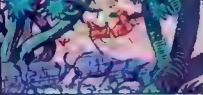
LOOK LIKE
THE POS
MIST CLIMBING

THEY ARE KING THEY'RE
KNOWN AS DECADES
AND THEY'RE MORE DANGEROUS
THAN THE TIGER
AS SUPERMAN WOULD
SHOOT UP AND AWAY



WING EAT TO THEY
DOESN'T WANT
EAT NO MORE
NO MORE

NEVER MIND THEM
WATCH
OUT ABOVE



EEEEEE
BIG SNAKE

A BIG CONSTRUCTOR
WAS BETTER SET
OUT OF HERE - BUT
FAST



WING NO CLIMBING
SNEAKING
LASH YOUR HAND

LOOK FOR YOU
FEEL WING - BUT
WE MUST KEEP
GOING



AFTER MILES OF TANGLED JUNGLE TRAILS---

MAP TALK OF TUNNEL
LEAD FLOW TALKING
WAS NO SEE TUNNEL

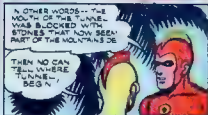
DON'T FORGET THAT
SECOND RHYME.
WING-- T'EXPLAINS
WHY



"He who has hands
can feel
But cannot tell
false from real!"

IN OTHER WORDS-- THE
MOUTH OF THE TUNNEL--
WAS BLOCKED WITH
STONES THAT NOW SEEN
PART OF THE MOUNTAINS DE

THEN NO CAN
TELL WHERE
TUNNEL
BEGAN



THAT'S WHERE
THE TUNNEL MOUTH WAS
BLOCKED WITH LIMESTONE
DEPOSITED IN CAVES AND
SIDE THE TUNNEL---
THE STONES ON THE
MOUNTAIN ARE GRANITE.



THE AVENGER AND WING ASCEND
THE SLOPE---

IF WE DO HERE, I'M SURE WE'LL
END THE LIMESTONE FROM WHICH
THE SOIL WAS PRODUCED BY
WEATHERING.

WE NO HAVE
SHOVELS TO DO



BUT THE AVENGER IMPROVISES
CRUDE TOOLS AND SETS TO
WORK ALONG WITH HIS
FAITHFUL ALLY---

AH, WOEE, WING, I WON'T
TRAVEL THOUSANDS OF MILES
JUST TO DO



MAYBE WE CAN
TAKE A LOOK AT THOSE
TREES IN THE VALLEY.
WING-- THEY'RE
DIFFERENT FROM THE
OTHERS BECAUSE THEY
GROW DIFFERENT
SOIL.

HOW TREES
HELP US FIND
TALK?

500-

VELLY DARK AS DE WING
NO LIKE! PLEASE MUST
CLIMBON USE
SEARCHLIGHT!

I MUST GO
EASY ON IT TO SAVE THE
BATTERIES. I'LL TAKE A TREE
BRANCH-- I CAN USE AS A CANE
TO FEEL MY WAY! COME
ON WING!



THE ADVENTUROUS DUO TREADS CAUTIOUSLY THROUGH THE DARKNESS WITHIN THE MOUNTAIN...

SUDDENLY... TWO BLAZING EYES APPEAR OUT OF THE DARKNESS...

AS A CLAWING, GROWING DEVON STRIKES WITH TALONS OF STEEL... THE AVENGER HURLS HIS CANE...

SOMEBODY FLOUT OF US?

THERE CAN'T BE ANYONE! IT MUST BE A HARMLESS ANIMAL!

BARRR

RARRR

HEY YOU HARMLESS VST CLIMSON SAY SO!

DONT TAKE ME TOO SERIOUSLY, WING!

WHY YOU THOW CANE, VST CLIMSON!

HELL SNAP AT IT WITH OUT THINKING, JUST LIKE A DOG!

RRRRR

QUICK, WING! WITH HIS MOUTH SHUT... WE STAND A BETTER CHANCE!

BE NICE IF YOU COULD SHUT UP CLAWS, TOO!

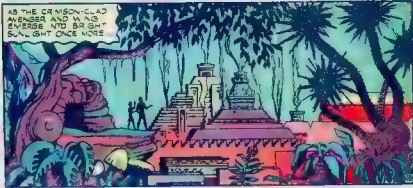
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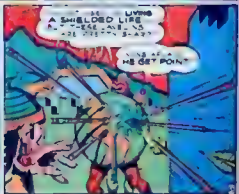
SOON THE BATTERED BEAST TAKES REFUGE IN THE LIGHT

LUCKY HIS MOUTH CLOSED - HE FIGHTS LIKE BUZZSAW!

NEVER MIND WING... WE ARE REACHING THE END OF THE TUNNEL! LET'S STEP ON IT!

AS THE CRIMSON-CLAD AVENGER AND WING EMERGE INTO BRIGHT SUNLIGHT ONCE MORE





BUT AS MORE WARRIORS RUSH TO
JOIN THE FIGHT...

WE'RE JUST A
LITTLE BIT
OUTNUMBERED.

TOO BAD THESE PEOPLE
NO CIVILIZED THEN
MAYBE IN PRE
CALL-VE
JULY



THE TWO VALIANT FIGHTERS ARE OVERCOME
AND BOUND...

WING LOSE PLUNTY
FACE IF ENDS SEE THS

WE CAN LOSE MORE
THAN OUR FACES.



THE CAPTIVES ARE BROUGHT
BEFORE A CHIEFTAIN OF
THE NCAS...

YOU STRANGERS LIKE SPANARDS
...YOU ENEMIES OF NCAS...
YOU DIE!

THEY'VE HATED STRANGERS
EVER SINCE THEIR
EXPERIENCE
WITH PZARRO



THEN... TO THE SURPRISE
OF THE TWO CAPTIVES...

MAYBE THEY
CHANGE MIND!

I DON'T THINK SO WING
WARRIORS ARE ON
GLAD OUTSIDE THS
BUILDING! WE
CAN ESCAPE



OH BOY FOOD
LUCKY TO MEAT-
LESS TUESDAY-
WING-A-F
STARVED

I HOPE
T-SN'T
POISONED!

AA- TOO BAD WING NOT AFFORD
TO EAT SO SWELL ON WAGES,
HE GET FROM NIST CLAYSON

HE NEVER TASTED
ANYTHING SO
GOOD



AFTER THE MEAL...

THIS BEAUTIFUL FLOOR SHOW WING ENJOY LIVING HERE!

ENJOY THE LIVING... WHILE YOU CAN, YOU WON'T BE DYING!

YOU WLONG MUST COME SOWN! THEY TREAT US TOO GOOD... THEY DO WANT US TO DIE

I'M AFRAID WING, YOU DON'T GET THE IDEA WE'RE BEING SHOWN A GOOD TIME NOW...

...JUST SO THAT WE'LL MAKE BETTER SACRIFICES LATER!

AH, WOE! NOW WING CANNOT ENJOY FOOD!

LATER...

TOO MANY TO FIGHT! THIS MUST BE THE END!

DON'T GIVE UP YET WING! WE'VE THOUGHT OF A PLAN!

THE CAPTIVES ARE BROUGHT BEFORE THE WAR-GOD OF THE INCAS!

YOU BE SACRIFICE TO WAR-GOD - YOU BURN IN FLAMES!

MAYBE.

LOOK VELY HOT... WING SAYS HE NO BLING AIR-CONDITIONING SYSTEM!

I'M GONG TO PROVE TO THE INCAS THAT SLAVES CAN'T HURT ME! WISH ME LUCK, WING!

THE AVENGERS FINGERS CLOSE STEALTHY OVER A TINY GLASS CAPSULE...

MY FRIEND AND I CANNOT BE SACRIFICED - IT'S USELESS TRYING TO BURN US

WING WSH IT WERE TRUE!

THE CAPSULE SHATTERS... AND AS A CLOUD OF CRIMSON DUST FALLS HE A BEAM FROM THE AVENGERS SEARCHLIGHT BATHES HIS BODY IN SCARLET FLAME...

LUCKY I WENT EASY ON THESE BATTERIES!

HE DOES NOT BURN! HE MUST BE FRIEND OF THE WAR-GOD!

...and the ...

ENCLOSURE

THAT YOUR 6 PAIR - A2
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TRAIL'S END!

CHAPTER
7

SCRIVENER MY SECRETARY

HE'S THE
ONE WHO
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HE
WANT
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GET
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OUT
OF
HERE

AS THE CRIMINALS DEPART...

BOSS WE CAN'T LET
THOSE GUYS GO!
-BUT WE SET US UP LATER

QUEST YOU FOO-
STILL HAVE A
TRUCK UP IN S-E-E-E

A MOMENT LATER...

AN EXPLOSION
WAAAA

SOUNDS LIKE
THE CEILING
IS CRASHING
DOWN

SCRIVENER SET OFF
DYNAMITE TO BLOCK
OUR WAY OUT!

HE EXPECTS US TO
STARVE TO DEATH

SAY WE SHALL
SUFFOCATE FIRST
-HERE'S A TUBE
A TUBE TO BREATHE
-HERE

STILL NO PARDNER
WE'LL DROWN BEFORE
WE SUFFOCATE! THAT
EXPLOSION CRACKED THE
CEILING, AND WATER
IS POURING IN FROM
AN UNDERGROUND
STREAM!

THE CHAMPIONS OF
JUSTICE BEEN LAYING
FOR A WAY OUT...

IF THERE A
LITTLE LOWER,
WE COULD
REACH THEM
STOP THE
LEAK

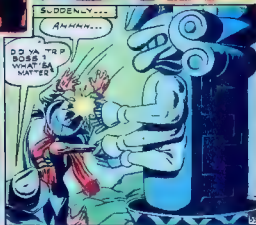
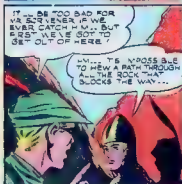
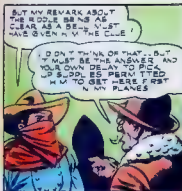
WHEE BREEZY
AND CAN
DO THAT
ANYWAY
-NOW YOUR
HANDS OFF
THE AIR
WE NEED

A PUZZLED AND OBEY...

THAT WILL STOP THE
LEAK NOW WE
ONLY GOT TO WORRY
ABOUT SUFFOCATING

WHAT DON'T
YOU GUYS
JUST GO
DOWN THERE
AND
FIX IT

HE TRIED TO FIND THE GOLD
LONG BEFORE YOU GUYS
DID. YOU GUYS WOULD THE
MEANING OF THE NOBLE
THEN HE HIMSELF SUGGESTED
I CALL YOU GUYS TO
HELP



THIS SEEMS TO BE IT!
WE'LL GO AS FAR AS
WE CAN, AND SEE WHAT
THIS LEADS TO!

WE'LL HAVE TO LEAVE
THE TREASURE AND
COME BACK FOR IT
WITH PACK ANIMALS.

BUT AS ONE OF THE WIZARD
ARCHERS GLANCES DOWNWARD...

THERE ARE THE
CRIMSON AVENGER
AND WING...
AND THEY'RE
IN DANGER!

BUT UNEXPECTEDLY...

THAT'S KIND
OF A DANGER.
GUSTON MISTER,
YOU'RE ABLE TO
KURT VORSEFF
WITH

THE TWISTING UNDERGROUND PATH WINDS SLOWLY
UPWARD, AND SOON...

THE NCAS WERE CLEVER!
THEY HAD THE ENTRANCE
TO THE TREASURE AND
DELIBERATELY ATTRACTED
ATTENTION TO THE WRONG
CAVE WITH THOSE IDOLS.

ANYBODY WHO
WASN'T IN ON
THE SECRET
WOULDN'T THINK
OF LOOKING
FURTHER!

THE CAVE ENTRANCE
IS BLOCKED!

WING DISAP-
PEARED! - HE
TO SEE GOLD!

YOU DIDN'T HIT
VERY HARD... BUT
WE WON'T MAKE
THE SAME MISTAKE!

A HEAVY BLUDGEON STARTS
A VICIOUS DOWNWARD SWING...

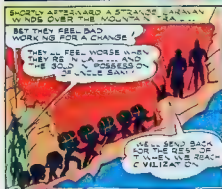
WE'LL HAVE TO GET TOGETHER
WITH THE OTHERS AND DE-
CIDE WHAT WE'LL DO!

THAT'S EASY! YOU'RE
GOING TO TAKE A
LONG REST!

AND AS THE BEWILDERED CRIMINAL HESITATES...

ONE PUNCH FROM
THIS FIST AND THAT
GUY WILL WISH HE
HAD NEVER BEEN
BORN!

LET THE AVENGER
HANDLE HIM, STRIPPY...
HE SAW HIM FIRST!



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WARRIOR'S RETURN

by Walt Brush

ANGRY? It was more than that. His heart was black with hate. Behind him lay the trail of ruin the soldiers had laid. Before him he thought now, lay oblivion. Perhaps not forever but at least for a long time.

He groaned, placed his hands on his throbbing head. Outside, the miasmic odors of the swamp rose higher and came through the rude windows of the cabin. It was hot, stifling hot. There was no way to the sea here.

Once more he groaned. Accursed fool that he had been! His spies had told him that the Government was going to clean him out. But he had laughed, thinking himself stronger craftsman, wiler.

He had been so cocky, so confident in those days. His men were skilled in the trails, knew rivers and bayous just as they knew the seas. Angriely the man got up from the table. Sweat had crinkled his dark hair. His shirt, of finest silk—after all, hadn't it come second-hand from Paris?—was plastered to his powerful back. Rippling muscles showed beneath it.

He turned now, cast sharp eyes out the window. His nose wrinkled in distaste. All his life, he knew he had loved the swamp. But Grand Terre had never been like this—there everyone had labored to make it an impregnable stronghold.

"Stronghold Bah!" He uttered the words aloud. If he hadn't been so confident a fool this thing that had happened to him might have been averted. He had never thought a Navy would come into Barataria. Soldiers—yes! "For soldiers I was prepared," he muttered. "But these Naves . . ."

"Did you call me, M'sieu?"

The owner of the voice was big, stocky. He was a crack gunner and his name was

Pepito. Scars lined his face, and a sword and two pistols decorated his big frame. A huge black mustache, drooping like the fronds of a tropic tree, hung from his lip.

The man at the window turned. "No," he barked. "I did not call you." He gestured impatiently with his hand. "Get out and stay out, you—you—peeg." He snatched a cutlass from the desk and advanced toward Pepito. Unafraid, the big man nevertheless started to back slowly toward the door. The temper of the big boss was too well known to permit argument.

"I only thought you had made up your mind, Boss," Pepito said. "There sees nothing to be angry over."

The cutlass swished through the air. "Nothing," the man called Boss said. "You say this is nothing, this sty for pigs." His arm indicated the room. "And outside, hiding in the swamps, are my brave men. They will not come out from hiding, either. He dropped the cutlass on the desk. "Oh, what sees the use?" he said moodily. "I must take time to make up my mind. He snapped his fingers. "No, I will make eet up now. We stay."

Pepito's face fell. "Aw, Boss," he pleaded. "You do not understand maybe?"

"Do not understand?" Once more the wild rage appeared in the Boss' face. "I understand that my men are in hiding. My home, sea has been destroyed. My beautiful ships are lying at the bottom of Barataria Bay. For almost one year I have been brooding here, rotting away . . . and now you have come to me with this proposition." His voice rose to a crescendo of anger. "I say get out—queeki!" He flung the cutlass, but Pepito sidestepped as it clanged on the floor.

The door closed behind Pepito.

Once again, the Boss returned to his chair. "There's heat," he muttered to himself, "eet is driving me crazy."

But he knew that it wasn't the heat. It was the news Pepito had brought him. He knew he should have been happy over it. After all the accused soldiers—and the sailors, too—who had heaped all this trouble on his once happy head had their own hands filled with difficulties now.

The Boss threw back his head and laughed. Now let them try their tricks on someone else. This time it wouldn't be so easy. What was it Pepito had said—that General, the one responsible for the destruction of the Boss' stronghold—was fighting at odds of ten to one.

Ten to one! The Boss chuckled. Scornfully he added,

"Fool, imbecile. These enemy they are much stronger. They will defeat him easily."

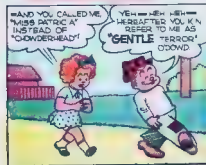
It was a good thought to release. But it seemed to be only the coating for a bitter pill, for, suddenly the Boss got to his feet and commenced his nervous pacing again.

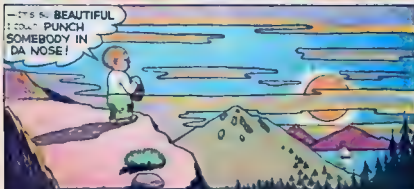
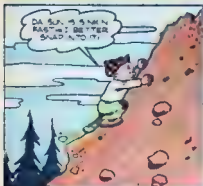
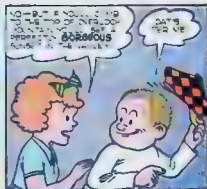
That General could use a good gunner like Pepito. "And a good mind like I possess," the Boss told himself, "could easily win a war."

He didn't feel at all self-conscious about the self-paid tribute. Just look at what he had done on the high seas as a privateer. Single-handed he had handed together the toughest cutthroats of the Seven Seas, ruled them with an iron fist. He had taken ships from the Indies, from China, from England and all of Europe. His name had been feared by all—and his men were the bravest, his ships the fleetest.

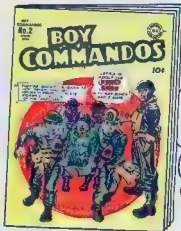
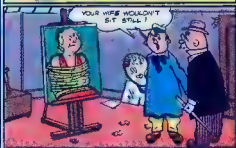
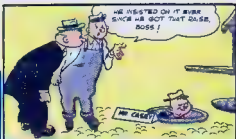
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